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This Amendment is being filed in response to the Final Office Action of the Examiner mailed November 7, 2005, with a two-month priority response period set to expire on January 7, 2006 and a shortened statutory period set to expire on February 7, 2006. This paper is filed within the set priority period for response such that no extension of time is necessary.

Please consider the following amendments and/or remarks:

Amendments to the Specification is shown beginning at page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the claims beginning at page 4 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings are described beginning at page 19 of this paper

Remarks/Arguments begin at page 20 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including amended figures is attached following page 21 of this paper.